

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

By this Amendment, claim 25 has been canceled. Thus, claims 1-24 are currently pending, all of which were allowed in the Final Office Action dated November 25, 2009. See Office Action Summary.

II. Comments

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite, and under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious. See Final Office Action at pages 3 and 4.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection of claim 25. Nonetheless, for the sole purpose of furthering prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claim 25, thereby rendering these rejections moot. This amendment leaves only claims 1-24 pending in this application, all of which were previously allowed in the Final Office Action mailed November 25, 2009.

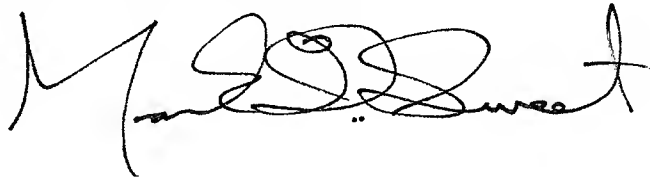
V. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1-24 in condition for allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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